(c) the amount of licence fee originally forecasted/budgeated for such services upto March, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) No licence fee has acutally been received to date from the LOI holders for Basic Telephone Services. The amount of first year's licence fee payable by seven Letters of Intent holding compenies in respect or ten Circles is Rs. 1880.42 crores.

(c) The amount of Licence Fee for Basic Telephone Services Budgeted for the year 1996-97 was RS. 2074.72 crores.

गुजरात के पंचमहल जिले में दूर-संचार का प्रसारण

554. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी॰ सोलंकी:** क्या दूर संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात के पंचमहाल जिले में दूर-संचार सेवाएं संकटावस्था में है;

(ख) क्या पंचमहाल जैसे आदिवासी बहुल क्षेत्र में दूर-संचार संबंधी सुविधाएं आवश्यकता से काफी कम है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है और इस संबंध में क्या उपचारात्मक उपाय किए गए है; और

(घ) क्या गत वर्ष की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में पंचमहाल, में संचार सुविधाओं में वृद्धि करने हेतु कोई विशेष प्रावधान किया गया है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) जी नहीं, पंचमहल में टेलीफोन सेवाएं संतोषजनक हैं।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) के उत्तर को देखते हुए, प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान, पंचमहल जिले में 2723 सीधी एक्सचेंज लाइनें जोड़ी गई थीं। वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान, पंचमहल में निम्नानुसार संचार सुविधाएं बढ़ाने की योजना बनाई गई है:

(i) सकल क्षमता : 9600 लाइनें

(ii) निवल क्षमता : 6780 लाइनें

(iii) ओवरहैड पारेषण का उत्तरोत्तर रूप से उन्नयन किया जा रहा है और इसे विश्वसनीय डिजिटल माध्यम से बदला जा रहा है।

(iv) नए कनेक्शन 3000

इसके अतिरिक्त 1996-97 और 1997-98 में दूर-दराज के स्थानों के लिए 13 उपग्रह भू-केन्द्र चालू करने की योजना बनाई गई है।

Compensation to 1984 Riot Victims

555. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to pay compensation to all the 1984 riot victims;

(b) whether riot victims have been paid any compensation so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any ex-gratia payment was made to any of the family member of the riot victims earlier; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The High Court of Delhi in Civil Writ Petition No. 1429/96 on 5th July 1996 directed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that Smt. Bhajan Kaur, whose husband had lost his life during 1984 riots, be paid a sum of Rs. 3.5 lakhs (after deducting the amount already paid) within a period of one month. The High Court further directed the Government of NCT of Delhi that widows and families of persons who lost their lives in 1984 riots at Delhi be paid a sum of Rs. 3.5 lakhs (Rs. 2 lakhs with interest quantified at Rs. 1.5 lakhs) after adjusting the amount, if any, paid to them as ex-gratia grant or compensation. The High Court also directed the State to constitute a committee to disburse the amount of compensation quantified as above after their proper identification within the period of four months.

In pursuance of the said directions of the Court, the Government of NCT of Delhi has already paid a sum of Rs. 3.30

lakhs to Smt. Bhajan Kaur. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi for scrutiny of other similar claims presented in this regard.

Since many of the claimants were staying outside Delhi and had not submitted their applications, the Government of NCT of Delhi prayed to High Court for extending the time limit for implementation of its order. The High Court has extended the time limit by four months i.e., upto 5.3.97. Accordingly, the Government of NCT of Delhi has extended the last date for receipt of claims upto 30.1.1996.

(d) and (e) On the basis of a decision taken by the Government in November, 1984, ex-gratia payment in each case of death was sanctioned at the rate of Rs. 10,000/-. Subsequently in January 1986 this amount was raised to Rs. 20,000/-. An amount of Rs.5.12 crores was accordingly disbursed in 2564 cases to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in 1984 riots in Delhi.

Setting up of National Road Transport Development Finance Corporation

556. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Road Transport Development Finance Corporation to provide loan assistance to State Road Transport Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The Working Group on Road Transport for the 9th Five Year Plan has recommended to the Planning Commission setting up of National Road Transport Finance Corporation at the Central level. Based on the Working Group Report, the Planning Commission will finalise approach for the 9th Five Year Plan. Only, thereafter, the status of the National Road Transport Finance Corporation will be known.

Target of Providing Telephone Connections

557. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Telecommunications is far behind its target of providing telephone connections during the current year;

(b) if so, the target and the achievement as on 31st October, 1996 in the country and the same in respect of four metros of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai;

(c) the details of installation of new connections in other circles during the current year; and

(d) the reasons for poor performance and the steps being taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir, Normally the provisioning of telephone connections during the first two quarters is comparatively less.

(b) The Annual target for 96-97 and achievement as on 31.10.96 are as given below:

Item	For country	Delhi	Mumbai	Calcutta	Chennai
Annual Target for 96-97	24,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	55,000	75,000
Achievement	7,30,847	65,037	33,798	18,471	21,312